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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 02/11214 A1 (PATENT TREUHAND GESELLSCHAFT FUER ELEKTRISCHE GLUEHLAMPEN MBH.), 07 December, 2002 (07.12.02), whole document, especially Claim 12 and examples & JP 2004-505470 A & US 2004/56256 A1 & EP 1305833 A	1-11
X	JP 2004-2512 A (Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.), 08 January, 2004 (08.01.04), & US 2003/111643 A1 & EP 1321500 A2	1-11
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Y	JP 2002-509978 A (Sarnoff Corp.), 02 April, 2002 (02.04.02), & US 6099754 A1 & EP 1070107 A & WO 99/50371 A1	1-11

The phosphors of claims 1-11 are defined in such a manner that those represented by a wide variety of composition formulae are comprehended, for example, most of the constituent elements thereof specified only by a metal valence.

However, only those containing Ba, Ca or Si as a base material are concretely described in the description, and others are not concretely described at all. Further, there is no concrete description with respect to the phosphors containing "M²⁰, M¹¹, M¹²" of the structural formula appearing in these claims. Consequently, with respect to these claims, only some of the claimed phosphors are supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and disclosed within the meaning of PCT Article 5.

In claims 5 to 7, the crystal phase contained in the phosphor is described in terms of a parameter being an angular scope of five diffraction angles derived from "reference diffraction peak" and "Bragg angle of diffraction peak".

However, in the description, there is no theoretical explanation, etc. as to by what particular means the phosphor having the crystal phase of such an angular scope of diffraction angles can be produced, or as to by what means a crystal phase deviated from the angular scope would result.

Therefore, the invention of the phosphor having the crystal phase of this specified angular scope of diffraction angles cannot be recognized as being fully disclosed in the description within the meaning of PCT Article 5 nor as fully supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6.

Accordingly, search has been made focusing on those concretely described as Examples in the description. That is, complete search has been made with respect to phosphors comprising at least one of Ba, Ca and Sr as a base material and comprising Eu and Mn as an activator, and optionally further comprising Zn or Mg as a base material.